

Odessa Friends Meeting House
Odessa, Delaware

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Historic American Buildings Survey
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ODESSA FRIENDS MEETING HOUSE
Odessa, Kent County, Delaware.

Owner: Custody of Camden Monthly Meeting, Camden, Delaware.

Date of Erection: About 1785.

Builder: David Wilson.

Present Condition: Excellent, apparently unchanged since erection except renewal of shingles.

Number of Stories: One and loft.

Materials of Construction: Brick, shingled roof, Flemish bond on front facade.

Other Existing Records: A Retrospect of Early Quakerism, by Ezra Michener, p 113. Early Architecture of Delaware, George Fletcher Bennett, pps 34, 183. J. Thomas Scharf, Early History of Delaware, p 1006.

Additional Data: This well designed building, 20' x 22' in plan, is one of the smallest Meeting Houses, but most carefully executed. The cornice with three rows of shingles gives a rudimentary pent eave effect on the front gable.

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